



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

Docket No.: 0317-US

John E. Sims and Dirk E. Smith

Serial No.: 09/763,498

Examiner: F. Hamud

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For: HUMAN IL-1 EPSILON DNA AND POLYPEPTIDES

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136 (a)

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Applicants respectfully request that the time for filing a response to the Office Action dated February 6, 2003, be extended for a period one month to June 6, 2003. A Response and Amendment B to the Office action dated is being filed concurrently with this Petition.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the required fee, \$110 and any other fee occasioned by this response to Deposit Account No. 09-0089. A copy of this Petition is provided for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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